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In re Application of: van Zyl Group Art Unit: 1637

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For: METHODS AND KITS FOR LABELING AND HYBRIDIZING cDNA FOR

MICROARRAY ANALYSIS

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is responsive to the Restriction/Election Requirement dated March 2, 2006, having a 1-month term for Response that expired on April 2, 2006. A five (5)-month extension of the response period to September 2, 2006 is hereby requested. Since September 2, 2006 was a Saturday, and Monday, September 4, 2006 was a Federal Holiday, the response period is automatically extended to Tuesday, September 5, 2006. A check in the amount of \$1,080.00 to cover the small entity extension fee is enclosed herewith.

Favorable consideration is respectfully requested in view of the following Election and Remarks.